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Week ending May 8, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 8, 2011**. Last week started with rain on Monday, but the rest of the week was warm and dry for the state. Planting efforts continued once fields dried out. The flooding has continued along the Mississippi river and distributaries destroying summer crops. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 77 adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 8, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	99	97	99	99
Corn, emerged	96	93	95	96
Cotton, planted	19	7	49	45
Cotton, emerged	6	1	26	27
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	46	37	52	45
Peanuts, planted	36	2	7	20
Rice, planted	77	71	87	84
Rice, emerged	67	53	72	68
Sorghum, planted	47	40	75	67
Sorghum, emerged	37	21	58	51
Soybeans, planted	42	30	74	74
Soybeans, emerged	28	23	59	58
Watermelons, planted	89	84	93	89
Winter Wheat, heading	99	98	96	98
Winter Wheat, mature	19	--	0	2

Crop condition for week ending May 8, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	7	88	5
Corn	4	7	27	43	19
Livestock	0	8	23	53	16
Pasture	0	3	22	63	12
Rice	0	3	36	52	9
Watermelons	0	0	7	91	2
Winter Wheat	3	12	26	46	13

Comments

“Rains kept farmers out of fields for the first part of the week, but dry conditions have since allowed most to get back to planting. Wheat is beginning to turn across the county and will be ready to harvest in the coming weeks.”
— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Flood waters have lots of acreage under water and it is not falling very fast. Some planted crops went under water and some were damaged by hail. Some growers are back in the field planting.”
— Don Respass, Quitman

“We got 1 inch of rain to start the week so we cannot plant this week. Weather looks good for starting Monday, May 9, with cotton planting.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Back water type flooding is affecting the South Delta with some crops expected to go under water for several days.”
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Drier weather and warmer temperatures have really matured the ryegrass forage. Many cattlemen have taken advantage of the good weather and cut most of the hay this weekend so they can cure the hay without rain. Livestock continue to look better with the summer annual grass growing at the rate it is now.”
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Severe flooding is expected in the area with Hwy 61 closed near Big Black River. All livestock in the flood zone have been relocated. Row crops in the flood zone are a complete loss.”
— Cliff Covington, Claiborne

“Sandy soils which were intended for planting cotton before the storms came through will probably receive the seed this week.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Some planting got started this week. Rain on Monday slowed fieldwork up some.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Fields should be dry enough this week to resume planting activities.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“We are continuing to watch the Mississippi River flooding situation on a daily basis.”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena

“Some planting in the county has continued on sandy ground. However, most clay soils are just beginning to dry enough to plant. Everyone is watching the river and hoping that it does not rain for a while.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Approximately 40,000 acres of timber was damaged due to the April 27 tornados. Barns and fences were also damaged or destroyed.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“No corn planted except for home gardens. Mississippi River continues to rise, flooding several thousand acres in Wilkinson County. Wheat crop is a complete loss and duration of flood will determine if soybeans are planted.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Most of Covington County could use some rain.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“Rains have arrived almost perfectly to delay planting of cotton and soybeans. Delays in planting are at least partially offset by the arrival of needed soil recharge, even though this is still far from complete.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 8, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	80	46	61	68	-7	1.30	0.12	1	10.21
Cleveland	81	47	64	69	-5	0.00	-1.28	0	4.85
Lambert 1W	83	43	63			0.40	-0.88	1	6.09
Extreme/Average	83	43	63	68	-5	0.57	-0.69	1	7.53
North-Central									
Calhoun City	86	40	61	66	-5	1.04	-0.22	2	8.31
Hickory Flat	79	38	59	65	-6	1.18	-0.08	2	11.00
Holly Springs	81	35	60	64	-4	1.03	-0.22	1	12.91
Independence	78	40	59	65	-6	1.29	0.10	1	14.16
Oxford	83	41	63	65	-2	1.08	-0.18	1	12.39
Extreme/Average	86	35	60	66	-6	1.12	-0.14	1	11.75
Northeast									
Booneville	83	40	59	65	-6	1.37	-0.02	3	10.10
Corinth 7SW	81	40	58	67	-9	1.03	-0.30	2	14.50
Pontotoc Exp	85	42	61	67	-6	1.36	0.11	2	9.38
Tupelo 2	86	43	63			1.41		2	8.54
Verona	86	42	62	67	-5	1.57	0.45	2	10.93
Extreme/Average	86	40	61	66	-5	1.35	0.02	2	10.69
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	84	46	65	69	-4	1.27	-0.20	1	5.53
Greenville	79	47	62	69	-7	0.56	-0.70	2	1.06
Moorhead	83	47	64	69	-5	1.03	-0.23	2	4.82
Rolling Fork	89	46	64	69	-5	1.15	-0.11	2	5.68
Extreme/Average	89	46	64	70	-6	1.00	-0.33	2	5.34
Central									
Canton 4N	89	40	63	69	-6	0.78	-0.62	2	5.68
Eupora 2E	87	40	61	66	-5	1.05	-0.15	1	4.75
Forest 3S	84	38	62	68	-6	1.11	-0.08	2	7.42
Kosciusko	88	43	63	67	-4	0.87	-0.46	2	5.71
Winona 5E	84	40	60	64	-4	1.04	-0.15	2	8.09
Extreme/Average	89	38	62	68	-6	0.97	-0.29	2	6.73
East-Central									
Aberdeen	86	42	62	66	-4	0.61	-0.65	2	7.90
Columbus	87	41	62	68	-6	0.92	-0.10	2	10.02
Louisville	84	41	64	66	-2	0.98	-0.28	2	2.04
Macon	85	42	63	67	-4	1.63	0.54	2	9.37
Philadelphia				68		0.00	-1.26	0	5.36
State University	86	44	64	67	-3	0.67	-0.52	2	10.90
Extreme/Average	87	41	63	68	-5	0.96	-0.26	2	9.61
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	85	40	65	68	-3	0.82	-0.54	2	2.51
Crystal Springs	87	44	66	69	-3	0.78	-0.38	2	4.25
Natchez	88	40	65	70	-5	1.15	-0.14	2	2.64
Vicksburg City	86	47	67			0.49		1	3.31
Woodville 4ESE	88	48	71	70	1	0.31	-1.02	1	1.71
Extreme/Average	88	40	67	69	-2	0.71	-0.57	2	2.98
South-Central									
Collins	86	41	62	69	-7	0.30	-1.06	1	1.50
Columbia	88	43	65	70	-5	0.13	-1.20	2	0.85
Monticello	92	40	66	69	-3	0.50	-0.90	2	1.42
Raleigh 6N	86	37	62			0.75		2	4.13
Extreme/Average	92	37	64	70	-6	0.42	-0.91	2	1.98
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	86	44	64	70	-6	0.12	-1.14	1	0.77
Laurel	88	41	63	69	-6	0.27	-0.97	2	1.39
Waynesboro 2W	89	43	65	68	-3	0.20	-0.92	1	2.22
Extreme/Average	89	41	64	69	-5	0.20	-0.99	1	1.46
State	92	35	63	68	-5	0.79	-0.47	2	6.13

DFN = Departure from Normal.